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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0686-01
Bill No.: HB 219
Subject: Children and Minors; Family Services Division
Type: Original
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services (DFS)** state this proposal prohibits caseworkers from working in any county in the state on a regular basis other than that to which they are assigned, absent extenuating circumstances.

DFS assumes implementation of this proposal would affect the DFS's ability to make decisions regarding placement of staff in order to accommodate budgetary or programmatic issues such as ongoing staff shortages or shifts in caseloads. DFS states the inability to place staff where they are needed could result in delay or absence of services for families. DFS further states this could require clients and families to travel out of county to access services. DFS assumes no fiscal impact as a result of this legislation.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2004
(10 Mo.)

FY 2005

FY 2006

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

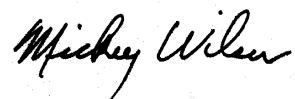
DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires Division of Family Services caseworkers assigned to a specific county to work only in that county, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include conflicts of interest, temporary staff shortages, and excessive caseloads.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services



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